BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

S.B. 1301 By: Brown Natural Resources 6/29/1999 Enrolled

DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires certain water conservation measures. S.B. 1301 will further regulate water conservation measures required in a county during a declared drought disaster.

PURPOSE

As enrolled, S.B. 1301 regulates water conservation measures required in a county during a declared drought disaster.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 16.055, Water Code, by adding Subsections (g), (h), and (i), as follows:

- (g) Requires the county to take certain action immediately upon the declaration of a state of disaster due to drought conditions.
- (h) Requires the person or entity to immediately implement the person's or entity's water conservation plan, or drought contingency plan, on receipt of the notice under Subsection (g)(2)(B).
- (i) Provides that nothing in this section prevents a political subdivision or a person or entity required to develop a water conservation plan under Section 11.1271 or drought contingency plan under Section 11.1272 from implementing water conservation measures.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.